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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON ZURICH TRUST FUND

GOS MINISTER OF FINANCE R.P. STEPHENS HAS ASKED CHARGE ON CONFIDENTIAL  
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BASIS FOR INFORMATION ON ORGANIZATION CALLED THE ZURICH TRUST  
FUND. ACCORDING TO STEPHENS, GOS HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY A GROUP  
USING THIS NAME, WHICH CLAIMS TO REPRESENT A CONSORTIUM OF U.S.  
BANKS OPERATING IN EUROPE AND IS PREPARED TO OFFER FOUR PERCENT  
MONEY OVER THIRTY YEARS FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN SWAZILAND.  
REPRESENTATIVES OF THIS GROUP HAVE INDICATED TO GOS OFFICIALS THAT  
THEIR ORGANIZATION IS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO THE DEPARTMENT  
OF STATE. BEFORE UNDERTAKING SERIOUS NEGOTIATION WITH THIS GROUP,  
STEPHENS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FULLER INFORMATION ON BACKGROUND,  
FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND GENERAL REPUTATION OF THIS FIRM.  
POST WOULD APPRECIATE ASAP ANY INFORMATION ADDRESSEES CAN PROVIDE.  
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